## Instructions on How to Read the ACS Summary File into Excel

This tool is another way data users can read the Summary File into Excel, and it is designed to be compatible with any version of the software. While this example uses the 2007-2009 ACS 3-year Summary File, the file layout is similar for the most recent ACS Summary File. To begin using this tool, users must first download the Summary File data, the Excel template file, and the Excel geography file.

The 2007-2009 ACS 3-year Summary File is available at http://www2.census.gov/acs2009\_3yr /summaryfile/. In this example, we are accessing the data by selecting "2007-2009 ACSSF By State All Tables," then selecting "California All Geographies.zip." Once downloaded and unzipped to a local directory, this compressed file contains individual text files and one geography file per Summary File sequence. We are using Sequence file 1, so you need to open and save the corresponding estimate and margin of error text files (e20093ca0001000.txt and m20093ca0001000.txt).

Next, you need to download the Excel template file, SummaryFileXLS.zip, from http://www2.census.gov/acs2009\_3yr/summaryfile/UserTools/. (Note: SummaryFileXLS.zip is named SummaryFileTemplates.zip starting with the 2011 release.) Once unzipped to a local directory, this compressed file contains an Excel file for each Summary File sequence. Again, we are using Sequence File 1, so you need to open Seq1.xls.

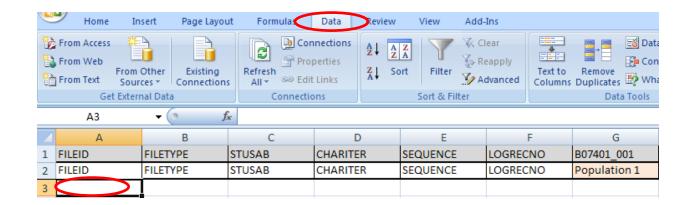
Finally, you need to download and save the Excel geography file, mini\_geofile.xls, from http://www2.census.gov/acs2009\_3yr/summaryfile/UserTools/Geography/ to the same local directory. Each worksheet in the mini\_geofile.xls represents geographies that are within a state. Note that the "US" worksheet only contains summary levels that can cross state boundaries. "US" is not the data at the national summary level.

We will walk through an example using sequence 1 for the state of California:

1) When the template file is open in Excel it should appear as below:

	Α	В	С	D	Е	F	G	Н
1	FILEID	FILETYPE	STUSAB	CHARITER	SEQUENCE	LOGRECNO	B07401_001	B07401_002
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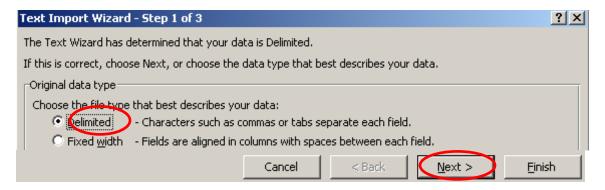
2) Place your cursor in cell A3 and click on the Data tab in the Excel tool bar. See below:



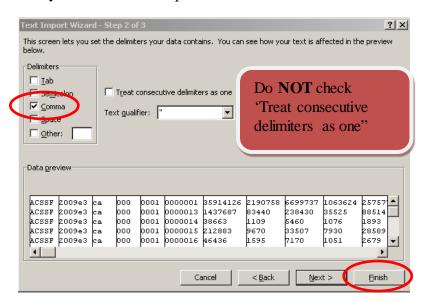
3) To import the Summary File text file into Excel click on **From Text** in the **Get External Data** section of the tool bar. In this example, we are opening the estimate file for California (e20093ca0001000.txt).



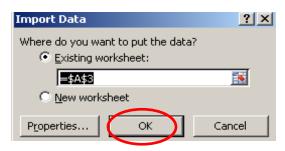
4) Step 1 of the Text Import Wizard will appear. Under **Original data type** choose **Delimited**, and then click **Next**.



5) Step 2 of the Excel Text Import Wizard will appear. Under **Delimiters** choose **Comma**. Users may click **Finish** to import the file or choose **Next** to format the Excel columns.



6) A Pop up window will appear to confirm cell A3 as the correct cell. Click OK.



7) The summary file will be imported in Excel as below:

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1	B07401_001	B07401_002	B07401_003	B07401_004	B07401_005	B07401_006
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	over in the	United	United	States% 18	United	United
	United	States% 1 to	States% 5 to	and 19	States% 20	States% 25 to
2	States	4 years	17 years	years	to 24 years	29 years
3	35914126	2190758	6699737	1063624	2575775	2730510

- $Row\ I$  Contains a unique identifier of Table ID and Line Number with a "\_" between them
- Row 2 Contains the associated metadata for each unique Identifier
- Row 3 Is the first Row of the imported data

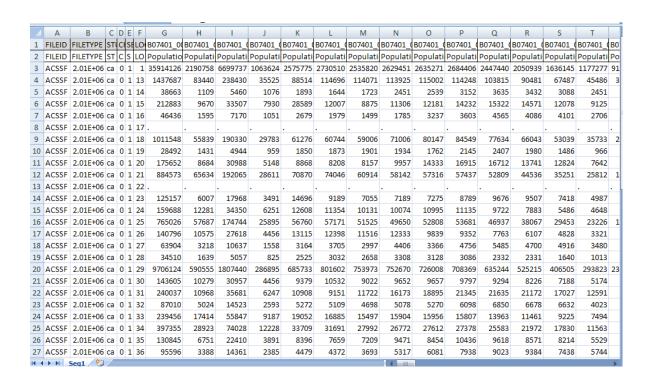
4	Α	В	С	D	Е	F
1	FILEID	FILETYPE	STUSAB	CHARITER	SEQUENCE	LOGRECNO
2	FILEID	FILETYPE	STUSAB	CHARITER	SEQUENCE	LOGRECNO
3	ACSSF	20093	ca	0	1	1

Column A – Is a constant value of "ACSSF" (stands for ACS Summary File)

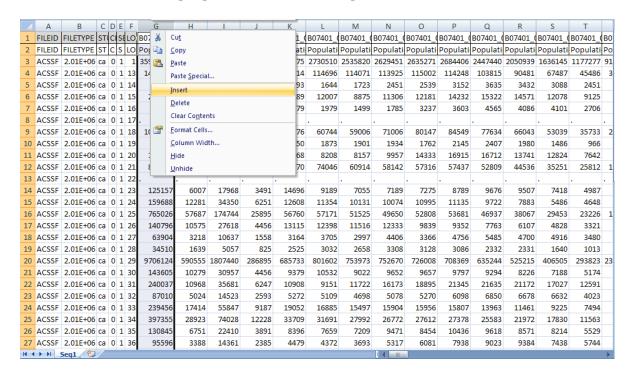
Column B - Contains the associated metadata for each unique Identifier

Column C – Is the first Row of the imported data

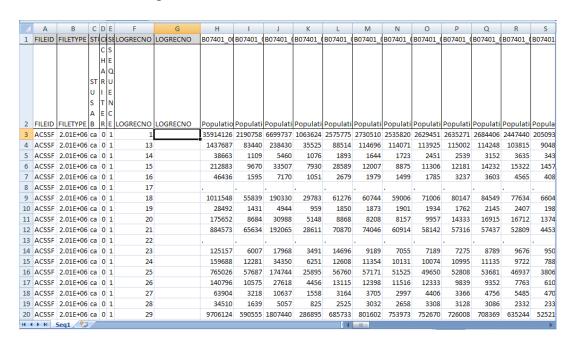
8) Read in the estimates and margins of error for each sequence needed. For example, here is the screenshot of the estimates for sequence 1 (the screenshots are for illustration purposes only and may not reflect the current data):



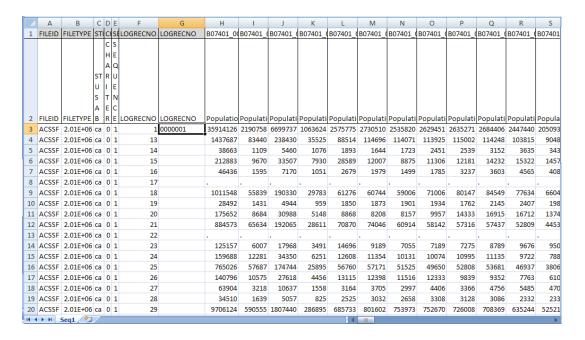
9) Next, you need to pad zeroes for the logical record number LOGRECNO. Add a column next to LOGRECNO. To do this, **Highlight** column G, then **Right Click** and click **Insert**.



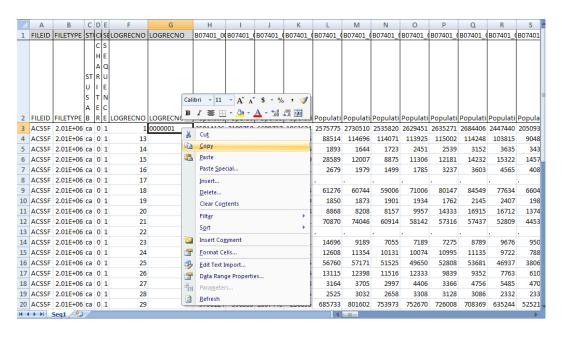
a. For cells G1 and G2, put in **LOGRECNO** as the label.

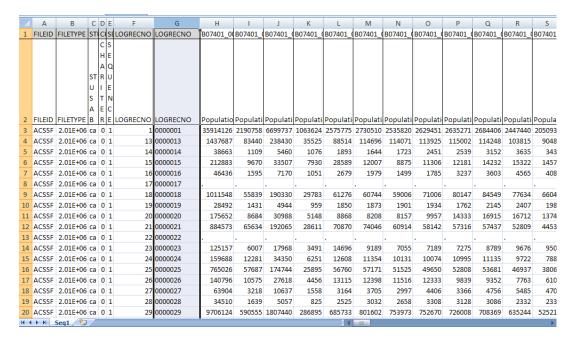


b. **Highlight** cell G3 and enter the formula =**REPT**("0",7-LEN(F3))&F3, then hit Enter.



c. Copy and paste the formula in cell G3 down column G to the last row of the data.

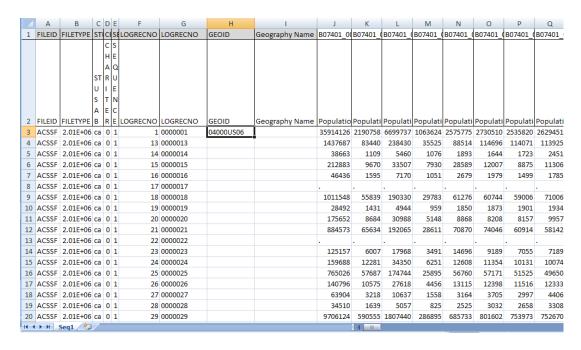




- 10) Add geographies by using common merged keys.
  - a. To add geographies, insert two extra columns next to the padded LOGRECNO column G, and label them GEOID and Geography Name. Open the **Excel geography file** mini\_geofile.xls and keep both Seq1.xls and mini\_geofile.xls files open.

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4	ACSSF	2.01E+06 ca	0 1	13	0000013			1437687	83440	238430	35525	88514	114696	114071	113925
5	ACSSF	2.01E+06 ca	0 1	14	0000014			38663	1109	5460	1076	1893	1644	1723	2451
6	ACSSF	2.01E+06 ca	0 1	15	0000015			212883	9670	33507	7930	28589	12007	8875	11306
7	ACSSF	2.01E+06 ca	0 1	16	0000016			46436	1595	7170	1051	2679	1979	1499	1785
8	ACSSF	2.01E+06 ca	0 1	17	0000017										
9	ACSSF	2.01E+06 ca	0 1	18	0000018			1011548	55839	190330	29783	61276	60744	59006	71006
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18	ACSSF	2.01E+06 ca	0 1	27	0000027			63904	3218	10637	1558	3164	3705	2997	4406
19	ACSSF	2.01E+06 ca	0 1	28	0000028			34510	1639	5057	825	2525	3032	2658	3308
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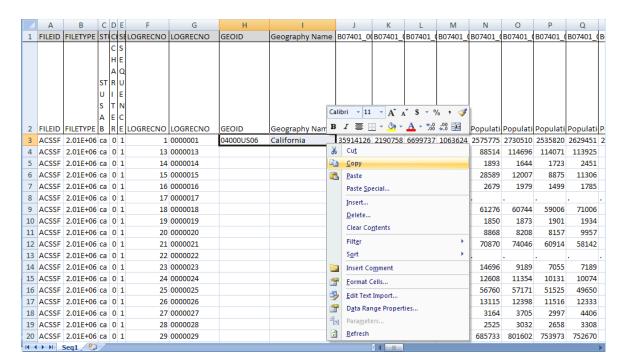
b. Add GEOID by using LOGRECNO as the common merged key from both Seq1.xls and ca.xls. **Highlight** cell H3 and enter the formula: =VLOOKUP(G3,[mini\_geofile.xls]ca!B:C,2,0)



c. Add geography names by using GEOID as the common merged key from both Seq1.xls and ca.xls. **Highlight** cell I3 and enter the formula: =VLOOKUP(H3,[mini\_geofile.xls]ca!C:D,2,0)

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4	ACSSF	2.01E+06 ca	0 1	13	0000013			1437687	83440	238430	35525	88514	114696	114071	113925
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15		2.01E+06 ca			0000024			159688	12281	34350	6251	12608	11354	10131	10074
16		2.01E+06 ca			0000025			765026	57687		25895	56760	57171	51525	49650
17		2.01E+06 ca			0000026			140796	10575	27618	4456	13115	12398	11516	12333
		2.01E+06 ca			0000027			63904	3218	10637	1558	3164	3705	2997	4406
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d. **Highlight** both cells H3 and I3 and **right click** to copy the formulas.



e. Copy and paste the formulas down the H3 and I3 columns to the last row of the data.

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3			2.01E+06 ca			0000001	04000US06	California	35914126				2575775		
			2.01E+06 ca			0000013		Alameda County, California	1437687	83440	238430	35525	88514	114696	114
			2.01E+06 ca			0000014		Amador County, California	38663	1109	5460	1076	1893	1644	1
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10) Repeat steps 1 through 10 to obtain the margin of errors for the same sequence for California.